

CITY OF MUSKEGON  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

August 3, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Chairperson, D. Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Chambers, L. Spataro, A. Medema, T. Bosma, T. Russo;  
A. Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Hilt, excused.

STAFF PRESENT: L. Anguilm, H.Griffith

OTHERS PRESENT: T. MacAllister, 458 W. Webster; J. Potter, RRF  
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 6, 2004 was made by L. Spataro, supported by A. Medema and unanimously approved.

D. Chambers declared a conflict of interest with the first two cases and stepped down with T. Bosma chairing the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Case 2004-22 – Request for Installation of Gutter on Back Porch. Applicant: Terry MacAllister; 458 W. Webster; District: National Register; Class: AA.** L. Anguilm presented the staff report. The applicant is requesting to install a gutter on the back porch to eliminate water coming down onto the facia. The gutter will be painted to closely match the existing ivy green color. Staff recommends approval of the installation of the gutter on the back porch so as to eliminate any damage to the facia.

A. Medema asked what the color would be. T. MacAllister supplied the commission members with a sample of the color which was an ivy green color.

A motion that HDC approve the installation of a gutter on the back porch at 458 W. Webster Avenue, with the following condition: The gutter very closely match the ivy green on the existing porch, was made by L. Spataro, supported by A. Medema and approved with D. Chambers abstaining.

**Case2004-23 – Request for Replacement of Steps and Side Boards on the Existing Front Porch. Applicant Terry MacAllister; 458 W. Webster; District: National**

**Register; Class: AA.** L. Anguilm presented the staff report. The applicant is requesting to replace the existing steps and sides in wolmonized wood on the front porch at the home located at 458 W. Webster Avenue to replicate the original porch. Staff recommends approval of the replacement of existing steps and sides in wolmonized wood.

T. MacAllister explained the deterioration of the deck, which will be replaced next year. He is looking at replacing the steps only at this time.

A motion that HDC approve the replacement of the existing steps and sides in wolmonized wood, with the following condition: The wood be painted to match the existing materials, was made by A. Medema, supported by A. Brown and approved with D. Chambers abstaining.

T. Bosma stepped down from chairing the meeting and D. Chambers chaired the rest of the meeting.

The commission decided to take the walk-on case next.

### **WALK ON**

**Case 2004-25 – Request to Remove and Restore Rear Deck to it's Original State. Applicant: Laura & John Sheehy; 494 W. Clay; District: National Register; Class: AA.** J. Potter explained what he was going to be doing. He supplied samples for the commission members to view. The pictures were also supplied to the commission members. The spindles would match as well as the ornate pieces. He also explained why he would be using wood of a different size from what is there now.

L. Spataro asked if he had discussed the plans with the building department because the deck should meet building code requirements. J. Potter stated that it would be built to code. A. Brown asked if the change in the wood size would change the symmetry or provide more support. J. Potter stated that it would only add to the support and it wouldn't be a visible difference.

A motion to approve the request to remove and restore the rear deck and that the spindles, columns, and ornamental trim pieces matching, was made by A. Medema, supported by T. Bosma and unanimously approved.

The commission members heard the last case of the new business/public hearings.

**Case 2004-24 – Request for Replacement of Porch on Rear of Home. Applicant: Diana C. Cain; 394 Houston; District: Houston; Class: A.** L. Anguilm presented the staff report. The applicant is requesting to replace the back porch, which is structurally deteriorated, as well as unsafe. It also appears from the pictures that the handrail may not meet building code for height. The entire porch will be replaced with one of the same general design using standard decking materials, but using nicer handrails and railings, although the applicant isn't sure what she will use and is open to suggestions by HDC. It appears that this porch has no historical significance and is located at the rear of the home. Staff

recommends approval of the replacement of the existing back porch, provided the railing is of proper height and meets all other building code and HDC guidelines.

A motion that HDC approve the replacement of the back porch on the house located at 394 Houston Avenue, with the following condition: The railings and handrails meet all building code requirements and the minimum height requirement of the Historic District Standards, was made by A. Medema, supported by T. Russo and unanimously approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **OTHER**

**Boiler Works Study Committee – Report** L. Anguilm supplied the commission members with a copy of the report that was submitted to the State. There will be a public hearing on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the City Commission meeting. This will also be going before the Planning Commission at their meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be a stand alone district. Right now, the Boiler Works is the only property be requested. The yellow building may be a request for later to add to it.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.